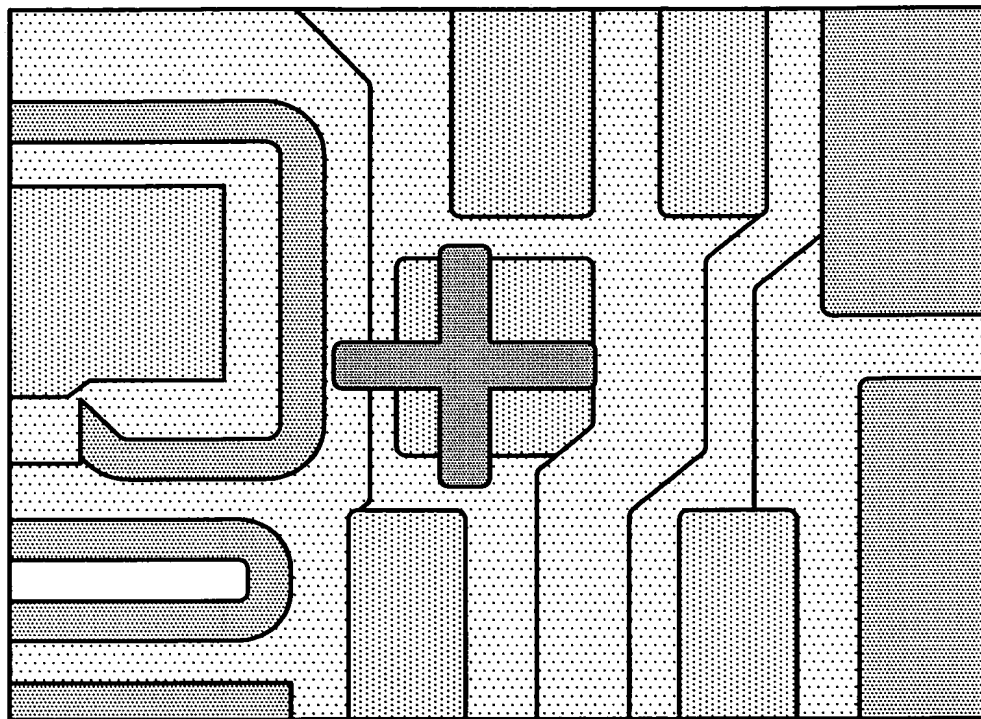


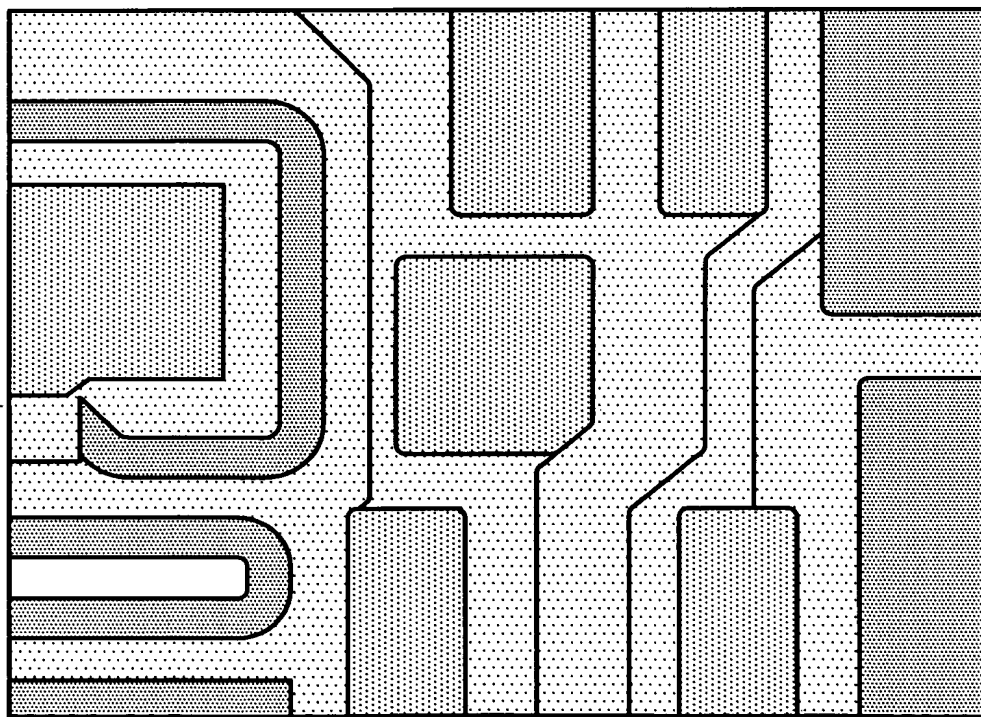


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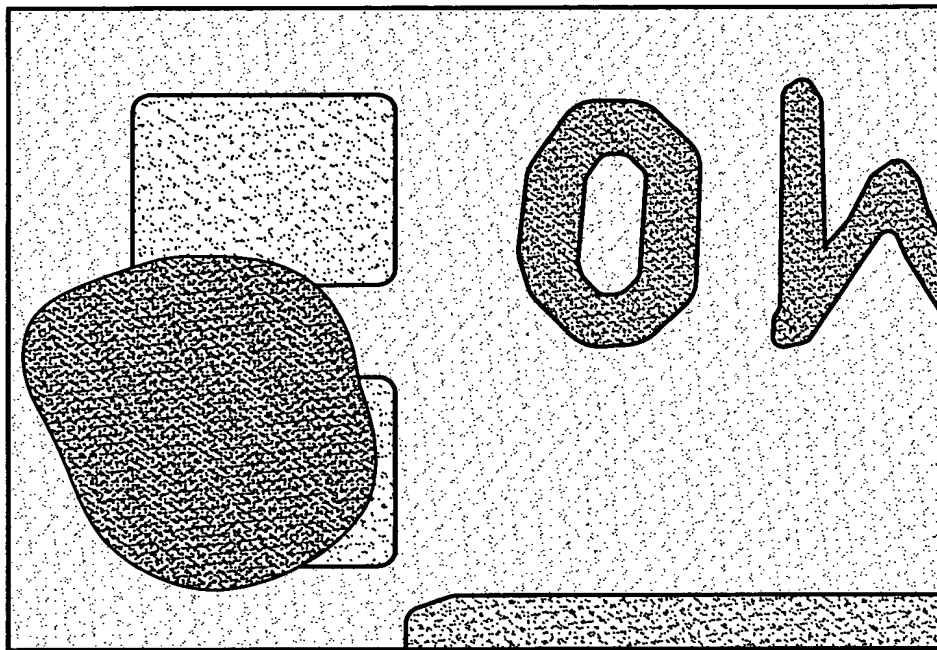
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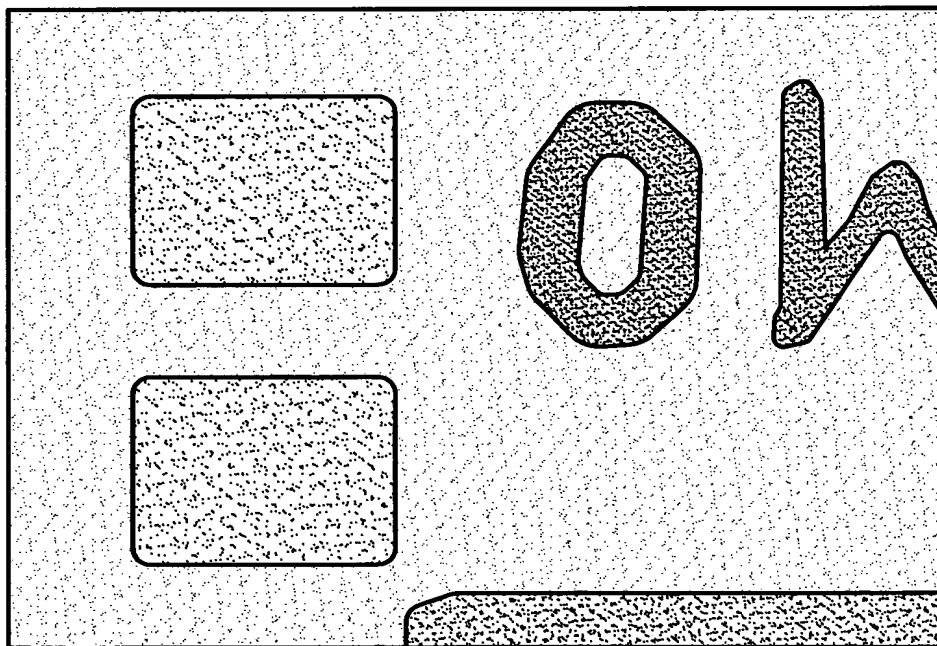
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FIG. 1a



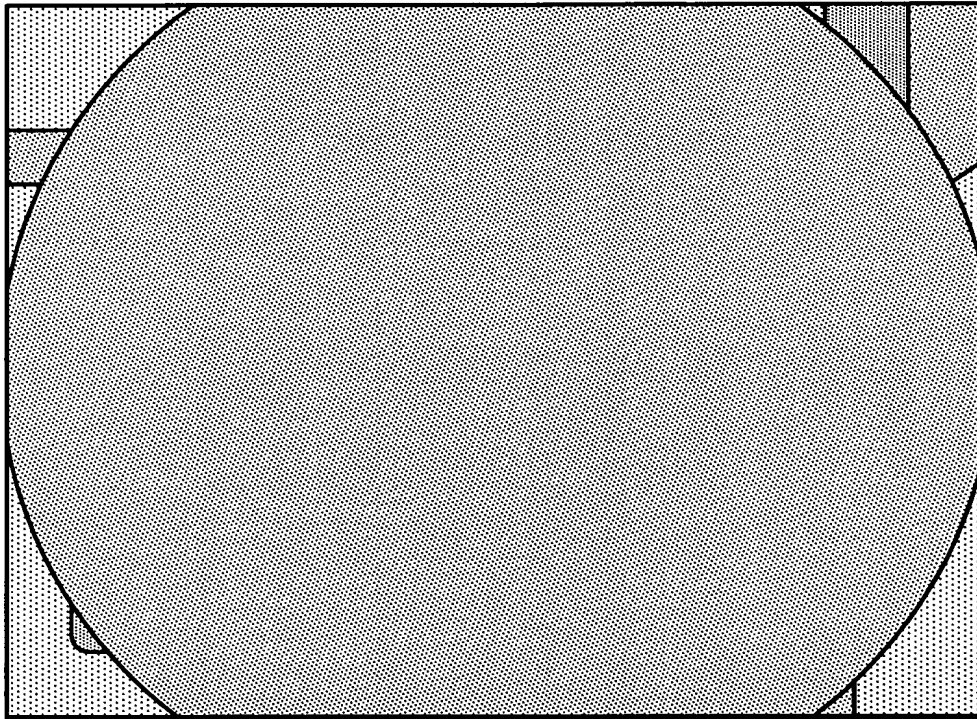
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FIG. 1b



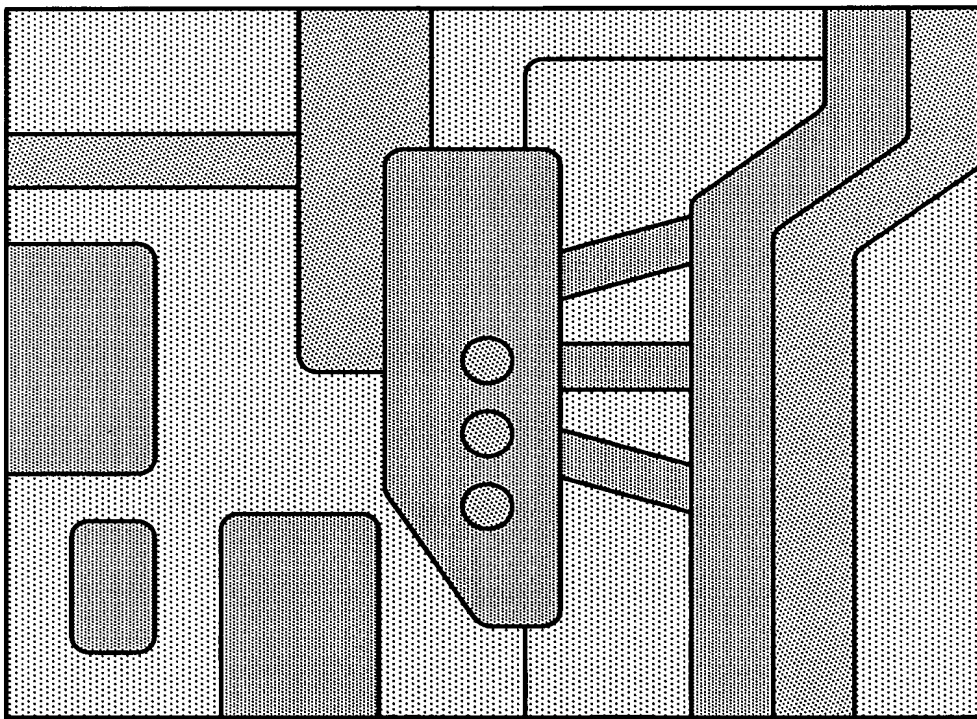
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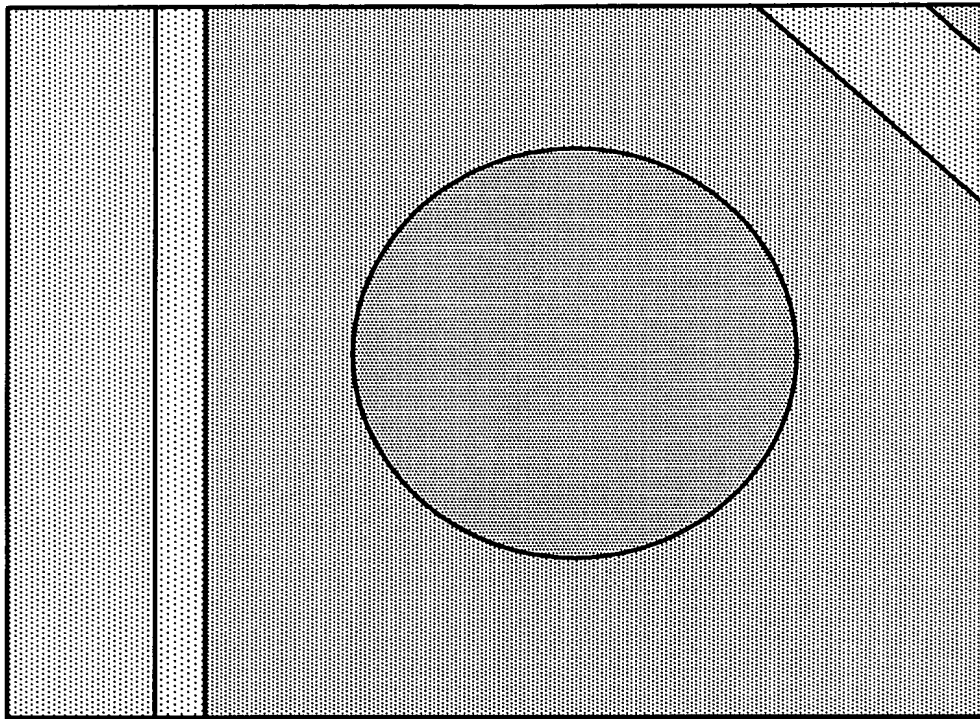
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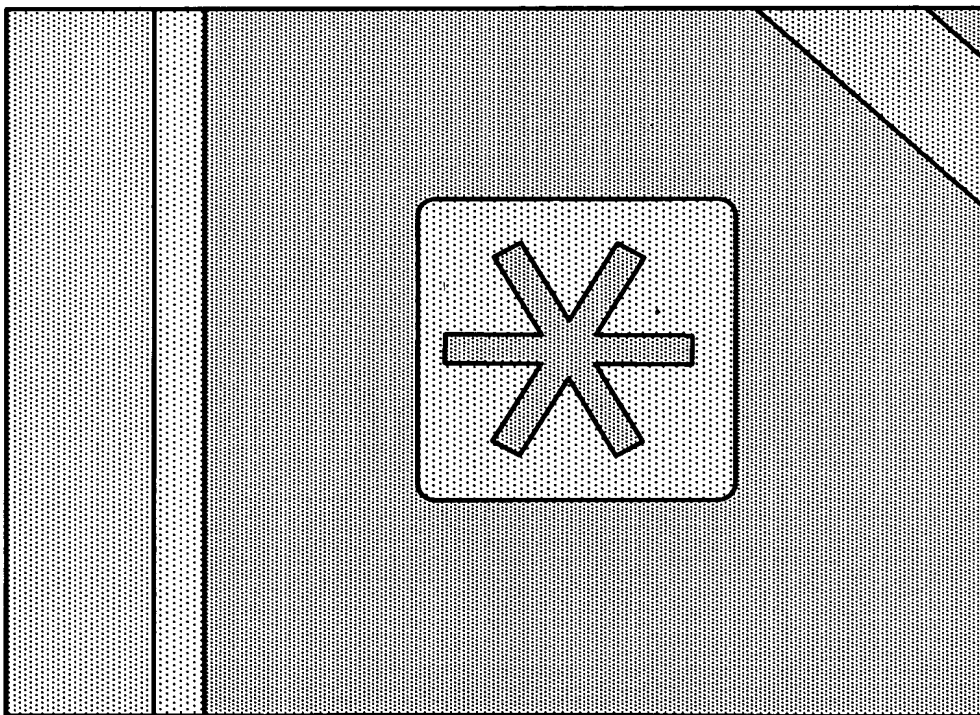
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FIG. 3a



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FIG. 3b



(Prior Art)
FIG. 4a



(Prior Art)
FIG. 4b

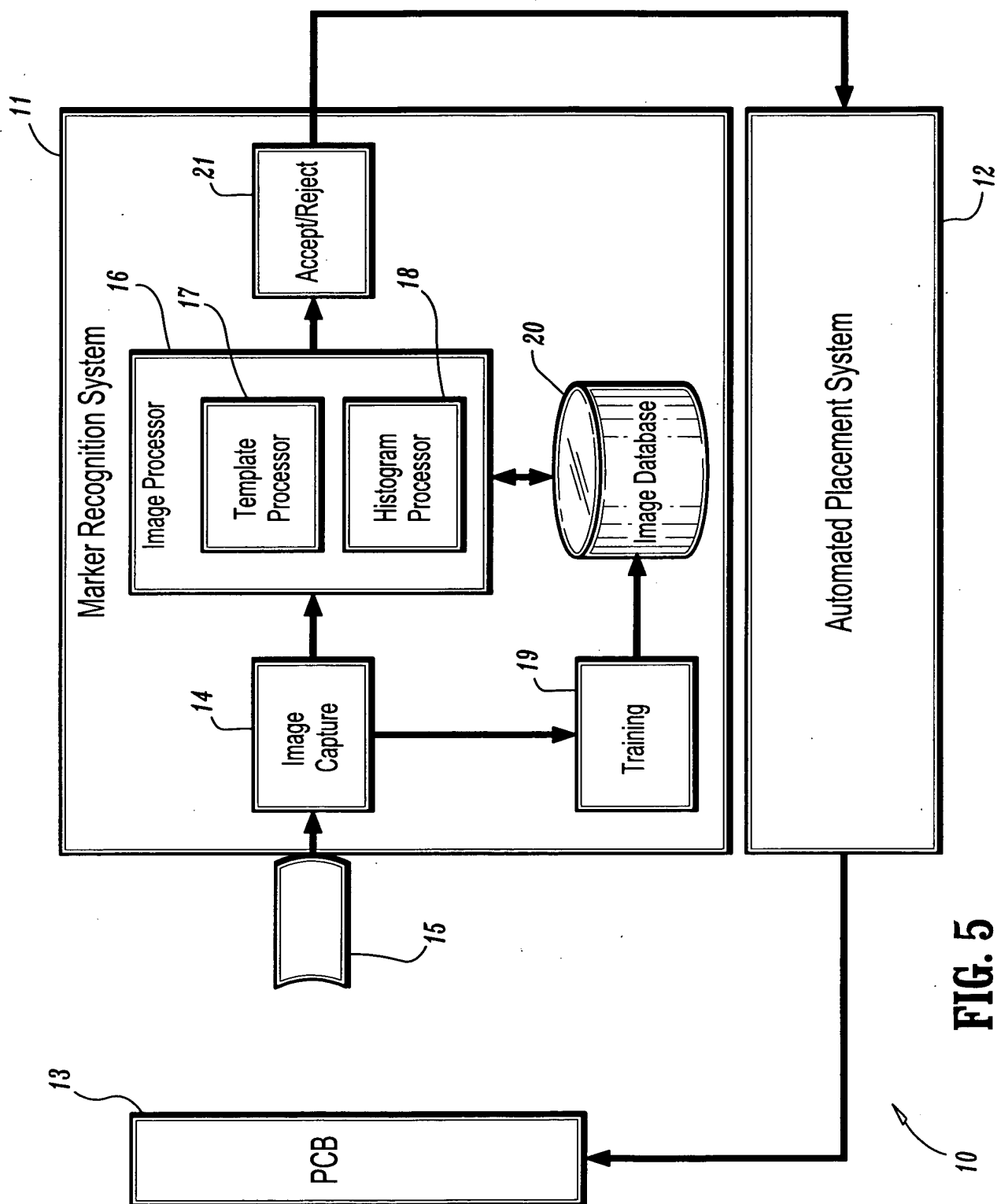
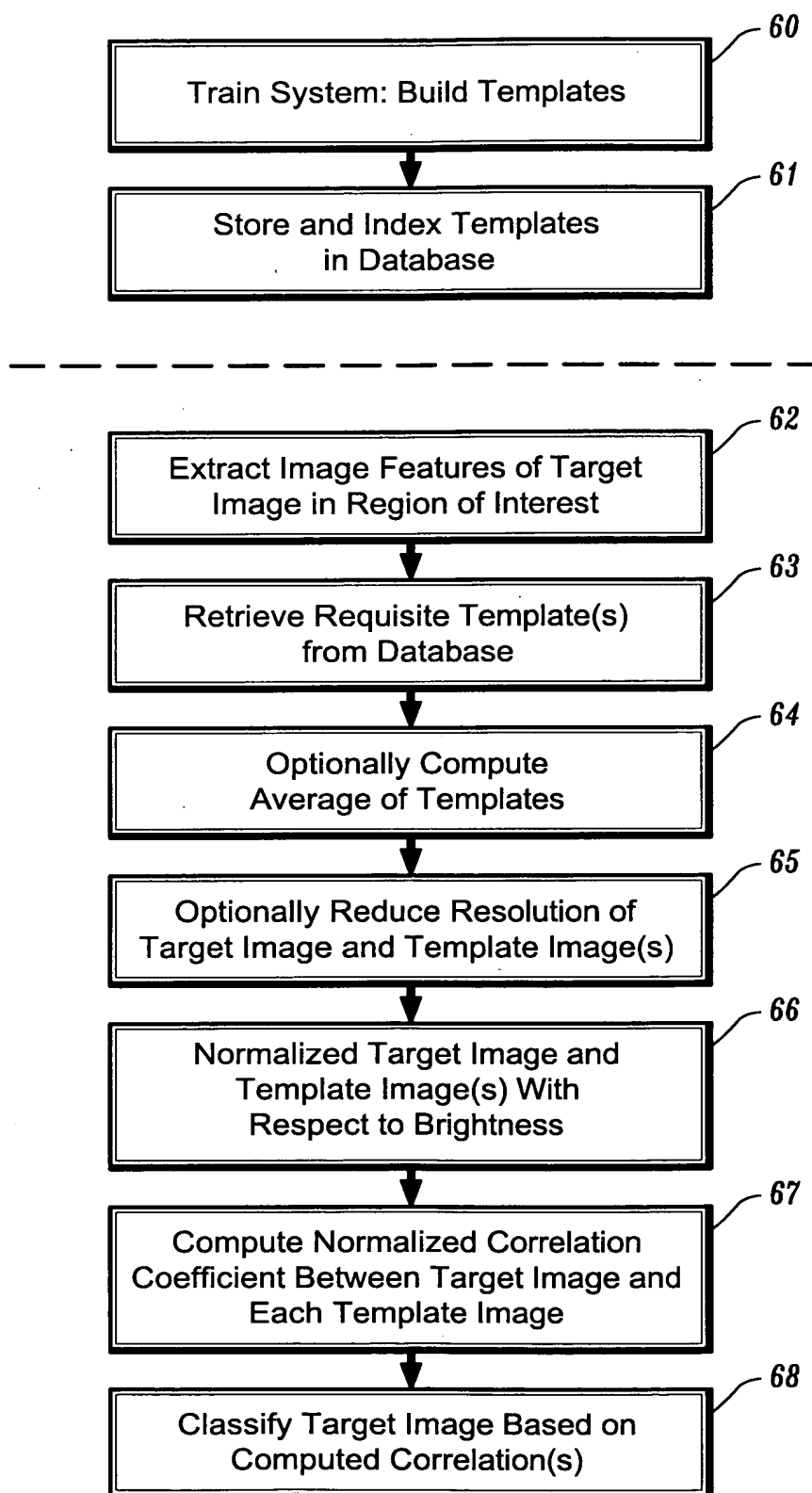
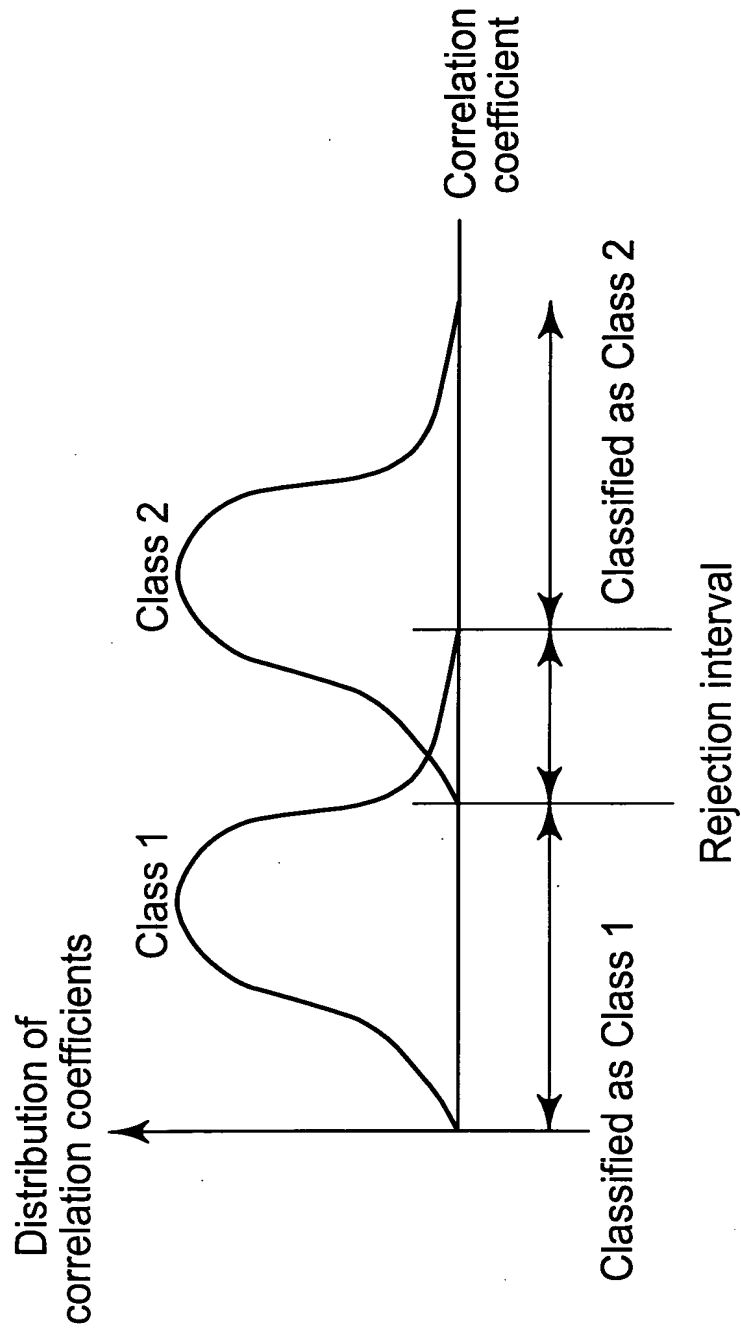


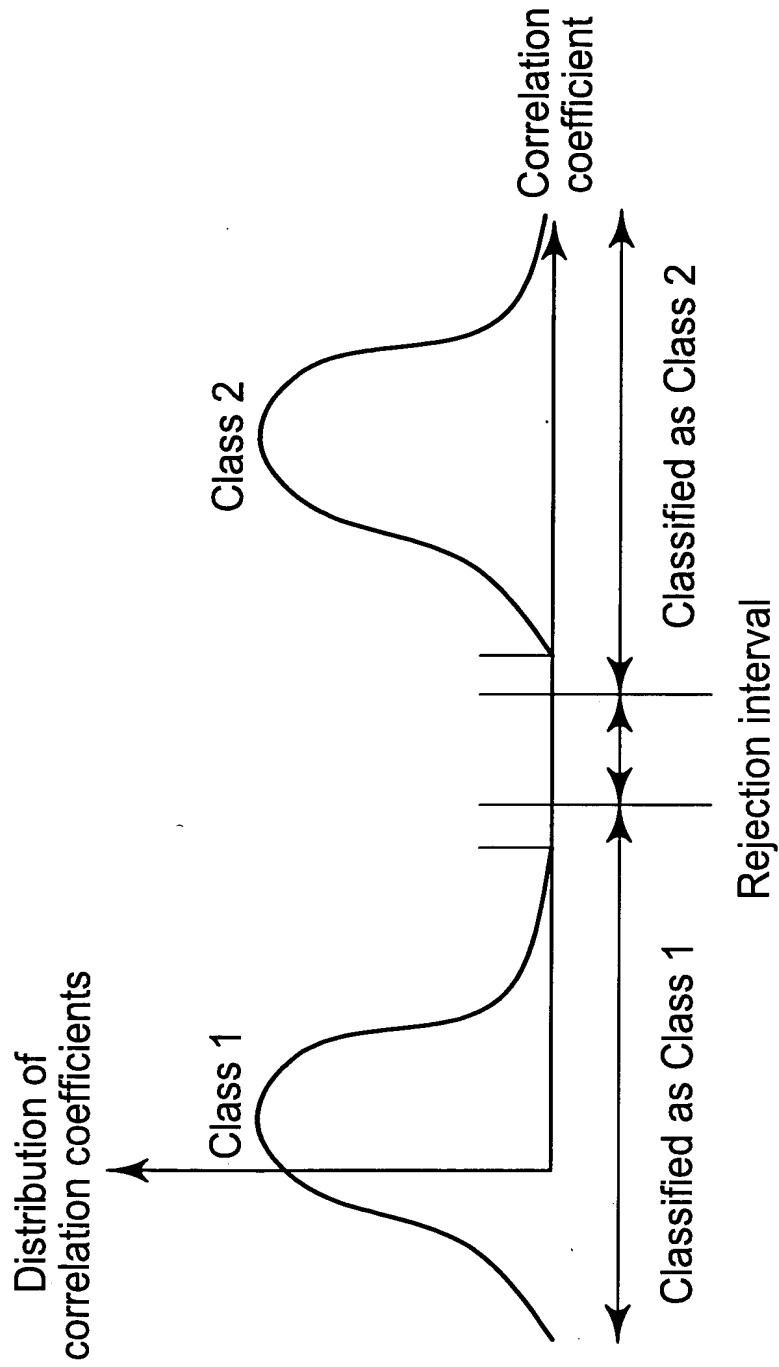
FIG. 5

**FIG. 6**



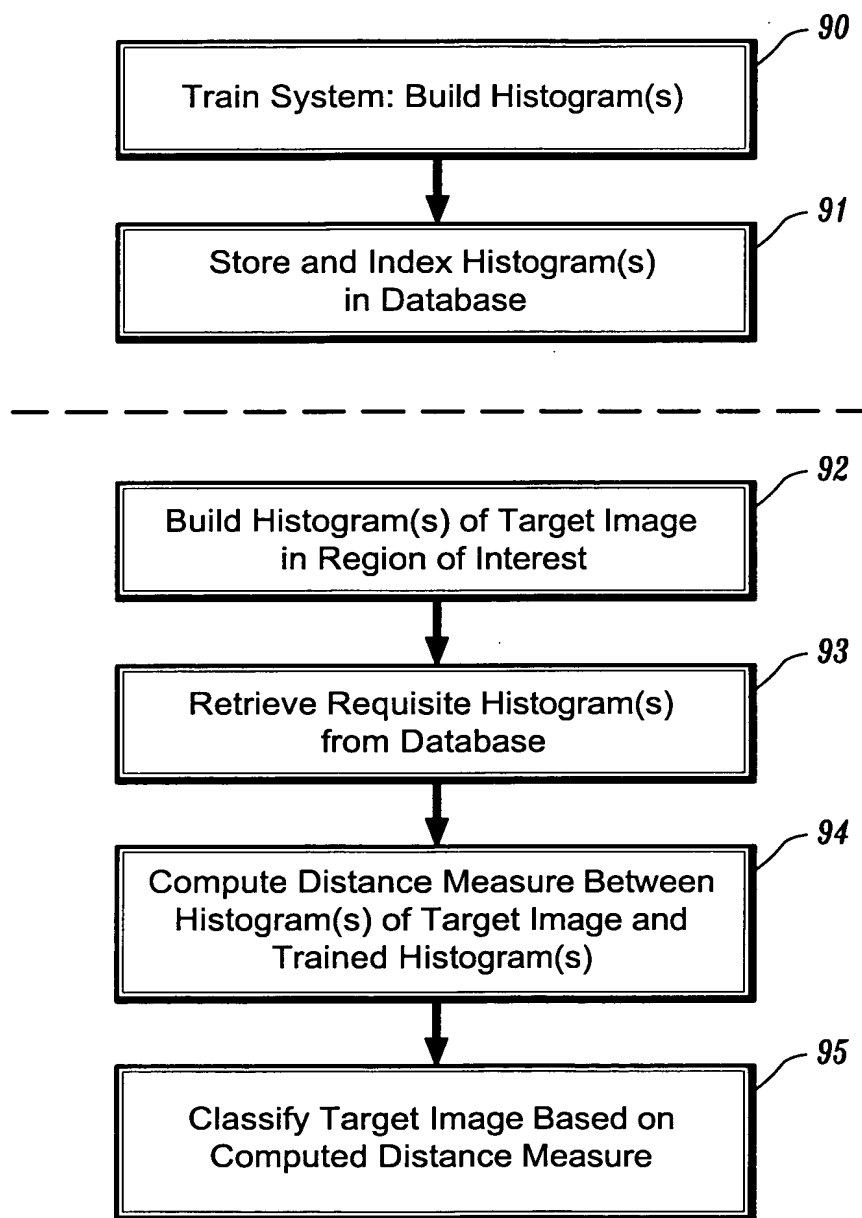
Automatic determination of thresholds for overlapping class distributions.

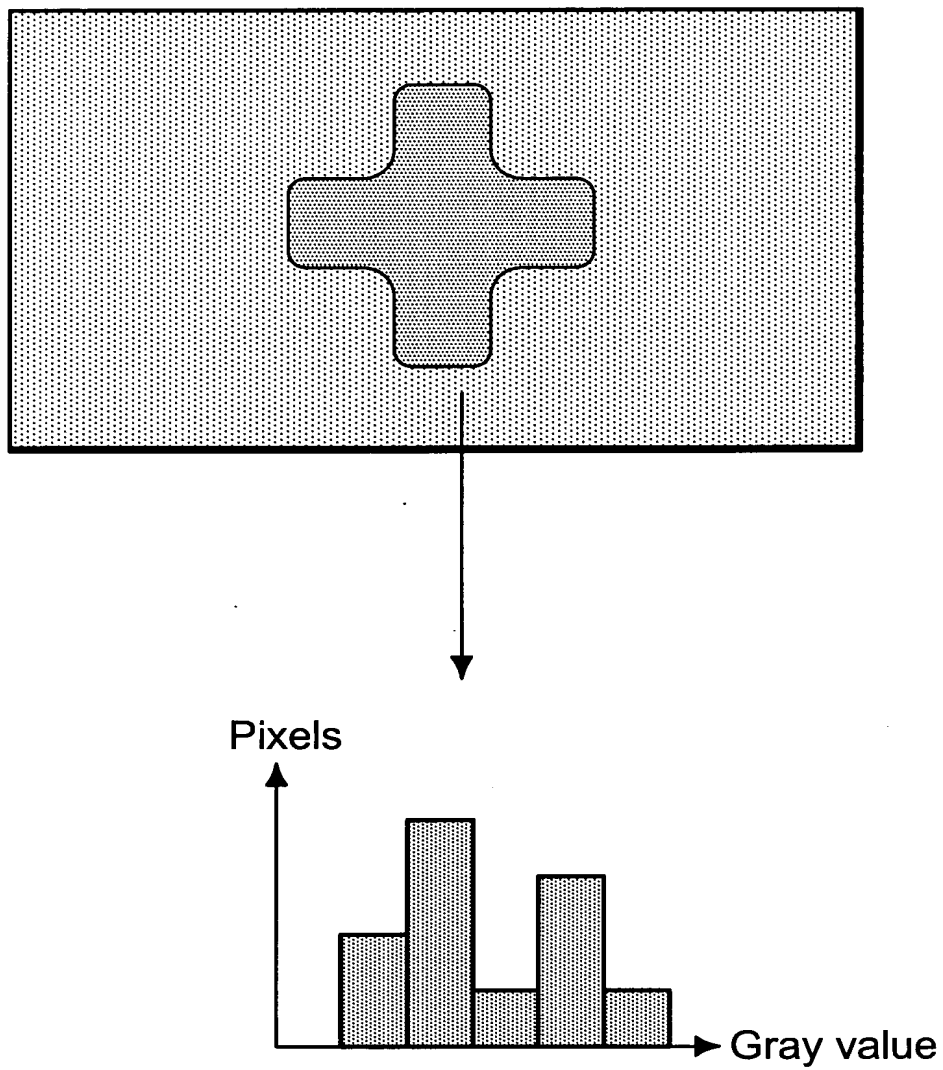
FIG. 7



Automatic threshold determination for non-overlapping class distributions.

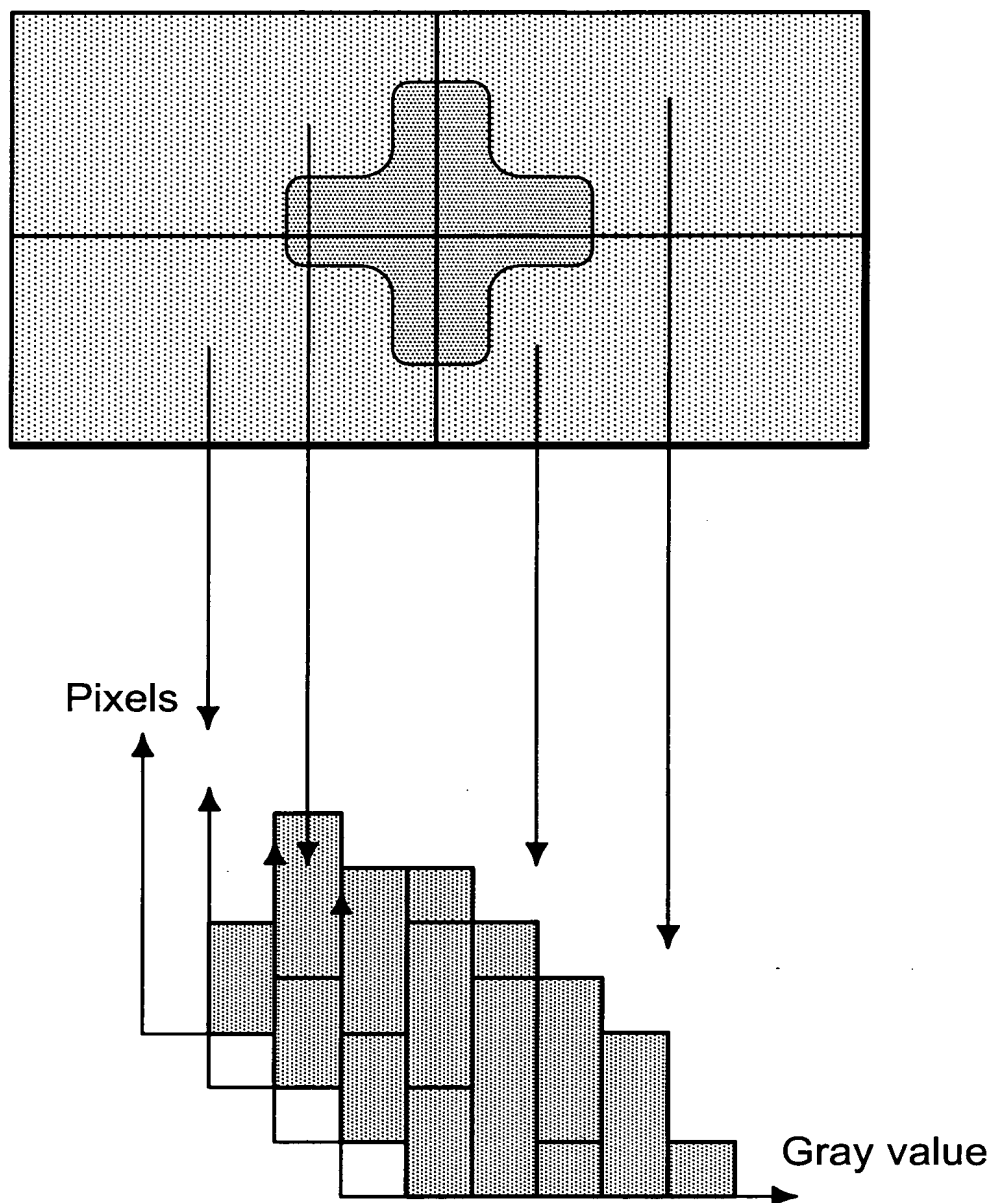
FIG. 8

**FIG. 9**



Extraction of a global histogram

FIG. 10a



Extraction of multiple local histograms for marker recognition.

FIG. 10b